Women Workers in Fish Processing Industries

3601. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to study the problem of women workers engaged in fish processing industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will review the existing labour laws in this Industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The Government have constituted a Task Force to study the living and working conditions of workers employed in fish processing industry. The Task Force will study the conditions of work relating to hours of work, employment at night, sexual harassment, non-supply of personal protective safety equipments and nonimplementation of statutory provisions contained in Factories Act, Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) act, Inter-state Migrant Workman act, etc., and suggest steps for ameliorating their working and living conditions.

Increase in Wage Bill in PSUs

3602. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how much per cent the wage bill have increased during last five years in public sector undertakings;

(b) whether there is any new recruitment; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The increase in wage bill in Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) since 1994-95 is given in the statement. (*See* below).

(b) There are new recruitments in CPSUs as and when there is requirement for the same.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Year	Emoluments (Wage Bill) (Rs. in crores)	% increased over Previous year
1994-95	17015	14.10
1995-96	21931	28.89
1996-97	22219	1.31
1997-98	25385	14.85
1998-99	27162	7.0

Source: Department of Public Enterprises

Implementation of Central Orders in State Governments and Companies

3603. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred Question 74 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th February, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue orders to implement in the State Government Departments and in tne Limited Companies, the provisions of the orders and rules under which the Casual Workers who have completed 180 days of continuous service in Government, PSUS;

(b) if so, from which date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, when the workers in the Limited companies and State Governments are also entitled to pensionary benefits as in the case of Government servants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) Appointment and regularization of casual workers in Central Government Offices and Central Public Sector Undertakings are governed by the orders issued from time to time by the Department of Personnel & Training and model standing orders issued by the Ministry of Labour respectively. The matter relating to appointment and regularization of Casual workers in the State Government Departments, State Goyernment Undertakings and Private Sector Undertakings are being decided by the respective State Governments. The Central Government do not propose to issue guidelines in the matters which are dealt with by the respective State Governments.